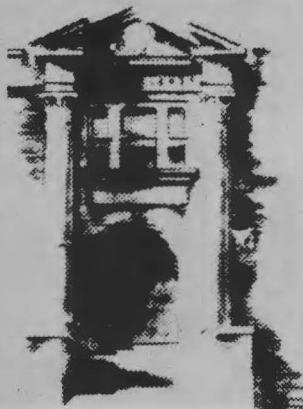


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# Alumni News

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## College Maps Master Plan

### Homecoming Sept. 21

The annual Homecoming-Parents' Day celebration for 1991 will be held Saturday, September 21. Please see the reservation form on the back page of this paper.

Reunions are being planned for the classes of 1941 and 1966 to observe their golden and silver anniversaries. Any class is welcome to sponsor a reunion. Our alumni office will assist you wherever possible.

Once again because of scheduling problems there will be no football game Saturday afternoon, but rather Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. when the Catawampus will play the Frostburg State University JV's.

This September weekend also coincides with the annual Founders Day Festival in Keyser. There are many activities and attractions slated for the downtown area including arts and crafts, foods, music, and other events.

The annual banquet is scheduled for the Potomac Motel with social hour beginning at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. This event is by reservation only. Please make your reservations by September 13 with Mrs. Patty Bell in the Alumni Office.

**See You At  
Homecoming  
Sept. 21**



### Service Award To Be Made Posthumously

Kenneth M. Malone, Class of 1947, professor emeritus of agriculture, the 1991 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Alumni Association, will be honored posthumously at the annual Homecoming banquet, Saturday, September 21, at the Potomac Motel.

Professor Malone died unexpectedly Sunday, June 23, 1991, at Memorial Hospital in Cumberland, Md.

The Association awards committee had informed Professor Malone in late May of his selection for the honor. He had expressed great pleasure in being the recipient.

His family has established the Kenneth M. Malone Agriculture Scholarship Fund at the College. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Po-

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### Dr. Henry Gates Jr. Achievement Award Winner

Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., formerly of Piedmont, Class of 1969, has been named recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award for 1991 at Potomac State College of West Virginia University. Formerly at Duke University and now a member of the Harvard University faculty, he will be honored at the annual Homecoming banquet of the Alumni Association, Saturday, September 21, at the Potomac Motel.

Established in 1975, the Alumni Achievement Award is made annually to an alumnus who has had a distinguished career of exceptional accomplishment.

Dr. Gates has been nationally recognized as the leading scholar in the United States on black literature. The author of two books and the editor of seven-

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Hall of Fame

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Development of a ten-year Master Plan governing the development of the buildings and grounds at Potomac State is underway.

R. J. Ankrom and Associates, of Vienna, WV, has been engaged by the Board of Trustees to develop the Master Plan. Planning efforts by the firm commenced in January, with the completed plan scheduled for presentation to the Board in October.

The plan will provide a general concept for future facilities development, taking into account the College's needs for specific facilities such as a major increase in library space, a new student union, new residence halls, additional parking, and adequate faculty offices.

President Gratto commented that the plan "proceeds on the assumption that an enrollment in the 1200-1300 student range will be maintained through the decade." However, Gratto noted, "given the demographics of the Eastern Panhandle and Potomac Highlands, the plan will permit future college growth to proceed smoothly after the turn of the century when Potomac State will have to expand to meet the needs of a larger population in its region."

The development of the plan is abstract, in the sense that no funds will automatically be provided for the construction and renovation recommended. However, President Gratto said, "the fact that we have a comprehensive plan approved by the Board of Trustees will certainly make this college more competitive in its efforts to secure state, federal and private funds in the future."

One interesting aspect of the plan involves the renovation of the Administration Building. Gratto said that he thought that project, in particular, would prove attractive to alumni and friends of the College, and might provide an attractive focus for a fund-raising effort directed toward the Centennial of the College — now only a decade away.

The Master Plan will be sufficiently completed by Homecoming to permit those in attendance to examine it.

# Six Honored For Service, Retirement

Six Potomac State College employees—two retiring and four with 25 years of service—were recognized at the Spring Banquet, sponsored by the PSC Social Club, Saturday evening, May 4, at the Potomac Motel, Keyser.

Retiring from the college were Colleen M. Barnard, an accountant in the business office, and Dr. William R. Simpson, professor and coordinator of English.

Honored for their service to the college were Harlene K. Ellis, food service worker in the Student Union; Betty J. Haines, custodian; Francine (Garcia) Shanahan, '57, resident hall director; and David A. Whetzel, maintenance.

Richard Davis, associate professor of music, served as master of ceremonies for the program. Testimonials were given by Robert Eagle, Mildred Twyman, Dr. Tony Whitmore, and Leo Savilsky.

Mrs. Barnard retired in December 1990. She had been employed by the college since 1979, as a financial aid assistant in the Financial Aid Office.

She is an active member of Westernport Church of the Brethren, where she is vice-president of the Women's Association.

She and her husband Ed have two children: Kathy Goode and Paul D. Barnard; and four grandchildren: Erik and Jordan Goode, and Spenser and Alex Barnard.

Mrs. Barnard attended Catherman's Business School in Cumberland. She worked for the Celanese Corporation from 1946-1956 and for Westvaco Corporation from 1956-1958.

Reading, bridge, swimming and boating are some of her enjoyments. She plans to spend the winter months in Florida.

Dr. Simpson is retiring after 22 years of service to Potomac State College.

Born in Lake Worth, Fla., he began his academic training in Palm Beach Junior College, transferring soon to the University of Miami, where he achieved a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in chemistry. Attracted to West Virginia by a research grant, Simpson came to Morgantown where he acquired a doctorate in chemistry and a taste for teaching.

For nine years Simpson taught at Shepherd College, becoming chairman of the chemistry department. With the discovery that there were other lives to lead, Simpson resigned from Shepherd and re-entered graduate school at WVU for a Master of Arts degree in English. After more graduate study at the University of Maryland, Simpson returned to teaching, first at California State (PA) and finally

at Potomac State.

During his years at Potomac State, Simpson was a professor of English, a substitute in chemistry and chemical engineering, a participant in all areas of drama, an advocate for the Faculty Assembly, and coordinator of English.

Simpson's retirement plans are incomplete, but much traveling and collecting are anticipated; he also plans to read all the novels of Charles Dickens again.

Harlene Ellis is celebrating 25 years of service to the college as a food service worker in the Student Union.

Ellis, who was born in Morgantown, W. Va., graduated from Keyser High School in 1958. Before coming to Potomac State College, she worked at the Town House Restaurant in Keyser and Roman's Restaurant in Clarksburg.

She is a member of the PSC Classified Employees Council and the Ladies' Auxiliary VFW POST 6775, in McCoole, Md.

She is married to Poland G. Ellis. They have one son, Paul H. Ellis, a stepdaughter Connie Strothers, six stepchildren, and one stepgreatgrandchild.

"I have enjoyed working at the Student Union. I have met and served a lot of nice students and faculty through my years of service and hope to continue," she said.

Betty Haines is being honored for 25 years of service to the college as a custodian, mainly in Friend Hall.

Born in Keyser, she attended Keyser High School and worked for the G. C. Murphy Company prior to employment at the college. She also worked at Heck's Department store. Mrs. Haines is a member of Rees Chapel Methodist Church. She enjoys bingo and all game shows.

She reports that she made friends with a lot of the girls in Friend Hall over the years and is happy to hear from many of them from time to time. Her family includes Sheila Raines Hired

Sally Lynn Raines, Keyser, Class of 1983, has been appointed assistant professor of English at Potomac State College for the 1991-92 academic year to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Dr. William Simpson.

Professor Raines is currently a candidate for the doctorate in English at West Virginia University, having completed all her course work and doctoral examinations.

She earned a bachelor's degree cum laude from Fairmont State College in 1986 and a master's from West Virginia University in 1988, both in English. She has served as a teaching assistant at the University since 1986.

Strothers, Sandy Haines, Cheryl Stanley, Marsh Amtower, Renna Feaster, and Tammy Evans. Grandchildren are Noel Ravenscroft, Dustin and Ashley Amtower.

Francine Shanahan, resident director of Friend Hall, is celebrating 25 years of service to the college.

Born in Keyser, Mrs. Shanahan graduated from Bruce High School in 1955. She attended Potomac State College, Frostburg State College and Catherman's Business School.

Prior to her employment at PSC, Shanahan was a stewardess for American Airlines and customer representative for AT&T in Massachusetts.

Prior to her resident hall position she was secretary to the Director of Student Affairs David G. Nuzum.

Shanahan is an active member of the Keyser Presbyterian Church, where she has served as an elder and is presently serving as deacon. She also serves on the PSC Alumni Board.

Shanahan's daughter, Erin Michelle, graduated from Frostburg State University in May.

Honored for 25 years of service to the college, David A. Whetzel brought 17 years of carpentry and remodeling experience to his position with the maintenance department.

Whetzel was born in Keyser and attended schools in New Creek, Burlington, and Keyser.

He is a charter member of the New Creek Fire Department. He is also past president, vice president, and office member of Moose Lodge 662 and the Moose Legion. Whetzel was awarded an Honorary Chapter Farmer in FFA.

He and his wife Mildred have four sons: Larry, Theodore, Alan and Timothy; and five grandchildren.



Pictured above are four of the honorees at the Potomac State College Social Club Spring Banquet. From l. to r. Mrs. Harlene Ellis, Student Union food service worker, honored for 25 years of service; David Whetzel, maintenance, also 25 years service; Dr. William Simpson, English, and Mrs. Colleen Barnard, accountant in the business office, who retired after 22 and 11 years of service respectively. Not pictured are two other employees honored for 25 years service to the college. They are Mrs. Francine (Garcia) Shanahan, resident hall director, Friend Hall, and Mrs. Betty J. Haines, custodian, Friend Hall.

## Campbell Assistant Dean

Professor Karen (Heare) Campbell, Class of '73, was appointed Assistant Dean of Potomac State College on January 16, 1991. Formerly chairperson of Division Four, Applied Sciences, Career Programs and Technologies, she has served the college for nine years in the area of secretarial studies and office administration.

In this new position she has many responsibilities: coordinating publication of the college catalog, finding part-time and full-time faculty, and monitoring the changes in vocational education.

A graduate of Potomac State in secondary education, she earned a bachelor's degree in education from Fairmont State College and a master's degree in higher education from West



Karen Heare Campbell

Virginia University. She formerly taught at the Mineral County Vo-Tech Center.

## Attention Former Potomac State College Band Members: You Are Invited To Be Part of the Homecoming Band, Sept. 22

For the past several years former band members have joined with the Potomac State College to perform at the Homecoming football game. Dr. Charles D. Whitehill, director, has announced that this year an effort is being made to expand the group and invite all former band members to participate.

The group will probably rehearse at 11 a.m. Sunday Sept. 22 prior to the game that afternoon. In most cases members will need to bring their own instruments and lyres. However, in the case of percussion and tuba, the college may be able to furnish some instruments.

Please return the form below as soon as possible to Dr. Charles D. Whitehill, Potomac State College, Keyser, WV 26726.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENT AND KEY \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring my own instrument and lyre.  
I will need to borrow an instrument and lyre.

# Faculty Promoted, Tenured

Dr. Joseph M. Gratto, president, has announced the promotion of five faculty members and the granting of tenure to one, effective August 15, 1991.

Mrs. Dinah Sue (Wells) Courier, Class of 1964, assistant professor of secretarial and office administration, is tenured as of the above date. She currently serves as chairperson of Division Four, Applied Sciences, Career Programs and Technologies. She joined the staff in 1978 as a lecturer, then as visiting instructor (1983-86), then instructor (1986-89) and finally

## Mrs. Nuzum Succumbs

Leontine "Lee" (Barnett) Nuzum, 81, of Keyser, professor emerita of art and English at Potomac State, died May 30, 1991 at her residence.

The wife of David G. Nuzum she was born December 10, 1909 in Clarksburg. She was a daughter of the late Lloyd E. and Mary C. Barnett.

Mrs. Nuzum came to Potomac State during World War II, when her husband was serving for three years in the Pacific Theater of Operations. She held an A.B. degree from Salem College and a master of arts degree from West Virginia University.

Her art education, in private classes and at WVU, included work in sketching, pastels, oils, watercolor, and ceramics. Her art works were exhibited frequently, and she sold several paintings and illuminations.

Mrs. Nuzum was a member of the Laudati Honor Society, the West Virginia and National Education Associations, the American Higher Education Association, and the Keyser Presbyterian Church.

Before coming to Potomac State, she taught in Clarksburg at North Side Junior High and at Victory High School. In 1942-43 she taught English and art at Keyser High School. Her hobbies included sewing, intricate needlework, traveling, reading, and gardening.

assistant professor.

She holds a bachelor of science degree from West Virginia University in business education and a master's in English education from Frostburg State University.

John C. Stone has been promoted to full professor of business administration. Professor Stone joined the faculty as an assistant professor in 1977, reached associate professor status in 1984. He earned two bachelor's degrees, one in sociology from Wheeling College and one in accounting from West Virginia University. He received a master's in management from



**Leontine Nuzum**

Survivors include her husband, David G. Nuzum, whom she married in June 1939; and one niece, Donna Whcclock, Clearwater, Fla.

**See You At  
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## Do You Know...

- ALUMNI WHO HAVE REACHED THE TOP IN THEIR FIELD?
- ALUMNI WHO HAVE GAINED NATIONAL RECOGNITION?
- ALUMNI WHOSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE JUDGED OUTSTANDING?

If so, please send us their names to consider for the ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, given at Homecoming each year. We would also like to have a biography of the person nominated.

To give an idea of the caliber of nominee, some of our winners have included an internationally known professor of educational measurement, a vice-president of Associated Press, and a basketball coach-author who revolutionized the game.

Please send your nominations to the Alumni Office, Potomac State College, Keyser, WV 26726.

Frostburg State University in 1976. He is also a Certified Public Accountant.

Dr. John A. Hawkins of the music department has also been promoted to full professor. His first appointment to the staff was in 1979 as an assistant professor. He was advanced to associate professor in 1985.

Hawkins holds a bachelor's and master's from West Virginia University in piano performance. He earned his doctor of musical arts from the University of Maryland in the same field.

Named associate professor of biology was Dr. Ruth Ann Davis, Class of 1956. She joined the staff in 1985 as an assistant professor of biology/chemistry. She earned bache-

lor's and master's from West Virginia University in pre-medicine and zoology respectively. Wayne State University in pre-medicine and zoology respectively. Wayne State University granted her Ph.D. in physiology.

Richard Bachman, physics, has been promoted to associate professor. A member of the faculty since 1985, he is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Bucknell University (1974) and received a master's in physics from Penn State in 1976, where he did additional graduate work.

He has been granted sabbatical leave for the 1991-92 academic year to pursue additional graduate work at West Virginia University.

Richard Z. Woodworth,

Class of 1985, will be advanced to the rank of assistant professor of agriculture. He served the College two years as a visiting instructor in agriculture 1988-90 before being named instructor in a tenure-track position. He holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree in agriculture from West Virginia University.

Mohammad H. Saifi, assistant professor of engineering and computer science, has been granted a leave of absence for the 1991-92 school year.

Dr. Ziliang Zhou, engineering, resigned this spring to accept a position as a research fellow at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

## Weddings

1991.

**PAMELA SUE BILLOS**, '87, Bridgeport, OH, to Eric Hammel, Cameron, WV, September 29, 1990.

**REGINIA E. CABLE**, '90, Keyser, to **DONALD WHETZEL**, '89, Greenspring, WV, November, 1990.

**KELLY A. ARBOGAST**, '87, Keyser, to **JERRY SWEITZER**, '87, Keyser, July 28, 1990.

**TINA LOUISE JUNKINS**, '88, Keyser, to **EDDIE A. CUTHERSTON**, '86, Keyser, July 21, 1990.

**ALISA MARIE HUDSON**, '88, Ridgeley, WV, to Christopher Scott George, Ridgeley, WV, September 29, 1990.

**AMELIA JO SPONAUGLE**, '84, LaVale, MD, to Michael Allen Barmoy, LaVale, MD, July 8, 1989.

**TAMARA WARD**, '89, Elk Garden, WV, to Kenneth S. Flanagan, Jr., Fort Ashby, WV, April 20,

**ANGELA MARIE CAN-GIANELLI**, '86, Keyser, to **SCOTT KEVIN GOLUB**, '86, Hubbard, OH, August 18, 1990.

**Sandra Kay Schifano**, Morgantown, WV, to **KENNETH PAUL WOLFE**, '70, Morgantown, WV, August 18, 1990.

**Mary Kenealy**, Westerport, MD, to **RANDY TRUMBULE**, '85, Keyser, October 6, 1990.

**Jody Lynn Bradley**, Cumberland, MD, to **ROBERT MELVIN STECKMAN**, '82, Cumberland, MD, May 26, 1990.

**KELLI MARIE MYERS**, '88, Keyser, to Michael Hickey, McCoole, MD, June 2, 1990.

**BECKY EILEEN CAPEL**, '88, Cumberland, MD, to William Glenn Kelley, Rawlings, MD, October 20, 1990.

**Andrea (Nina) Peterson**, Fulda, West Germany, to **STEVEN D. HASKINS**, '85, Rochester, NY,

March 23, 1990.

**JAYE CLISE**, '76, Romney, WV, to John V. Cleaver, November 4, 1988.

**STACEY L. DRISH**, '88, Summersville, WV, to **W. ALLEN HYPES**, '88, Summersville, WV, August 11, 1990:

**Stacy Barncord**, Ridgely, WV, to **EDWARD L. MACKERETH**, '83, Ridgely, WV, July 8, 1990.

**CATHERINE A. BLAIR**, '84, Lonaconing, MD, to James E. Romanosky, Windsor Heights, WV, June 1, 1991.

**KAREN MARIE MEDVICK**, '82, Keyser, to Dr. Robert Vance, Morgantown, November 10, 1990.

**ELIZABETH A. STEWART**, '70, Keyser, to Richard L. Beavers, Westernport, April 20, 1991.

**JENNIFER M. BRUCKEY**, '87, New Creek, to Jeffrey A. White, Hamilton, OH, December, 1990.

## Births

**WV**, a daughter, September 4, 1990.

**Mr. and Mrs. ALLEN SHAPIRO**, '82, Keyser, a daughter, August 29, 1990.

**Mr. and Mrs. James Klatt**, (TAMMY DORSEY, '79), Greenacres City, FL, a daughter, September 12, 1989. Lauren Elizabeth died on October 18, 1989.

**Mr. and Mrs. David Turner**, (DR. SALLY SWISHER, '67), Elkins, WV, a son, November 13, 1990.

**Mr. and Mrs. TERRY CANNON**, '69, Keyser, a son, December 27, 1990.

**Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL A. IMPERIO**, '71, Burlington, a son, March 27, 1991.

**Mr. and Mrs. JARED CONNERS**, '90, Keyser, a daughter, Feb. 15, 1991.

**Mr. and Mrs. Michael Spotts**, (APRIL SELDERS, '87), Keyser, a daughter, October 16, 1990.

**Mr. and Mrs. John Cessna**, (VICKI CESSNA, '84), Clearville, PA, a daughter, September 6, 1990.

**Mr. and Mrs. TIMOTHY SIRK**, '78, Keyser, a son, August 17, 1990.

**Mr. and Mrs. STEVEN D. HASKINS**, '85, Rochester, NY, a daughter, August 9, 1990.

**Mr. and Mrs. John V. Cleaver**, (JAYE CLISE, '76), Romney, WV, a son, March 30, 1989.

**Mr. and Mrs. DOUG TANNER**, '78, Fuquay, NC, a daughter, October 7, 1990.

**Mr. and Mrs. MARK BOOGS**, '80, (STACEY PANCAKE, '87), Keyser, a son, May 20, 1991.

**Mr. and Mrs. BARRY KNOTTS**, '84, New Creek, a son, May 16, 1991.

**Mr. and Mrs. HARRY WITTMAN**, '83, Keyser, a son, April 19, 1991.

**Mr. and Mrs. Lance Robinette**, (TERESA HAMILTON, '77), Germantown, MD, a son, May 17, 1991.

**Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR ZINN, JR.**, '66, Rawlings, MD, a son, May 21, 1991.

**Class Notes**

Your Alumni Association likes to keep track of alumni in the news. Have you changed jobs recently? Been promoted or relocated? Send any information to Mrs. Patty Bell, Alumni Office, Potomac State College, Keyser, W.Va. 26726

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**Fall Orientation Announced**

Freshmen entering Potomac State College this fall semester will participate in a five-day orientation to college program beginning Wednesday, August 21. This is the second year the college has offered such a comprehensive program; first-year resident and commuter students are required to attend.

"The orientation program offers new students the opportunity for a smooth transition to college life," said Dean of Student Development Paul D. Kesner.

"We hope to promote a sense of college community by

letting our new students get to know each other and get to know the college before the hectic first weeks of class."

A variety of topics will be covered in small group seminars and larger assemblies. Social events are planned for each evening.

Wednesday begins in the Church-McKee Arts Center Auditorium with an introduction to the college by President Joseph M. Gratto.

Other speakers from campus will cover college policies, student academic rights, the food service, health service, parking, faculty advising,

housing, and more. Representatives from the Keyser Police Department, city government, and local businesses will discuss services available in the community.

On Thursday, students have the opportunity to register for classes and pay fees if they have not done so. Faculty will be on campus to help with schedules and answer questions.

On Friday morning, all freshmen will meet with their academic advisers. Class schedule adjustments will be made during this time.

**Highlights Of 1990 Homecoming Banquet**

John F. Workmeister, Jr., president of the Potomac State College Alumni Association, welcomed a larger than capacity crowd of alumni, faculty, and friends to the annual 1990 Homecoming banquet Saturday, October 14, at the Potomac Motel.

Highlighting the evening's activities was the presentation of several awards.

Former college business manager Harry Smith, Class of 1960, presented Mrs. Mary Evelyn (Sliger) Coffman the Distinguished Service Award. In his remarks Smith noted there was a consensus among the officers who served during the early sixties that Mrs. Coffman "was the right person at the right time" for director of alumni affairs, the duties of which she assumed in the fall of 1961.

In expressing her gratitude for the honor Mrs. Coffman acknowledged the Potomac State family's support of her work over the twenty-five years she served in that office. She also noted the support of her own family in carrying out the work. Mrs. Coffman thanked the many past officers of the association, faculty, staff, and former Circle K Club members for the many hours of volunteer work they did to put out the Alumni Newsletter.

Dr. Carl Liebig presented the Alumni Achievement Award to Dr. Robert A. Gustafson, associate professor of surgery and pediatrics at the West Virginia University School of Medicine and a nationally recognized pediatric heart surgeon.

Liebig mentioned the talented Gustafson family, wherein Oscar and Jackie Gustafson's children are all involved in medicine and nursing. Liebig noted that Dr. Gustafson had operated on Liebig's grandson Jesse, born with a congenital heart problem. At the close of his remarks he surprised Dr. Gustafson with the introduc-

tion of Jesse.

In his acceptance Dr. Gustafson said, "This award is very special to me because it comes from Potomac State, where I received a great two year education." He noted that the College had always been a part of his life since his home on A Street was practically on campus.

Gustafson paid tribute to his excellent residence staff, a dedicated group of nurses, and an understanding wife and children for his success.

The Classes of 1940 and 1965 celebrated their golden and silver anniversaries as former students. Those present were introduced by Professor Kenneth F. Haines, secretary-treasurer of the Association.

Attending from the Class of 1940 were Dr. Jack Alexander, Rye Beach, NH; Glovinia (Rumer) Bratzel, Keyser; Mrs. Margaret (Greenwade) Coleman, Hagerstown, MD; Stephen Carney, Johns Island, South Carolina; Ella Bell

(Welton) Fraser, Middletown, MD; Betty (Heltzel) Hawkins, Carson City, Nevada; Maxine (Hull) Kight, Westernport; Arthur Kuykendall, LaVale; Allena (Hickman) McLaughlin, Jasper, Georgia; John Martin, College Park, MD; CPT Hartsel McCue, Casselberry, FL; John Nelson, Morgantown; Dr. Harrell Smith, Princess Anne, MD; Jackson Tabscott, Washington Crossing, PA, and Sarah (Oliver) Twigg, Santa Inez, CA.

Members of the Class of 1965 present were Alfred Barbano, Jr., Longhorne, PA; Richard Carson, Franklin; John Harvey, Keyser; David Prediger, Upper Marlboro, MD; George Stanya, McHenry, MD; Dinnah (Vann) McDaniels, Grove City, OH; Cheryl (Smith) Stephens, Arlington, VA; Roger Smith, Bergton, VA; and Robert Trout, Falls Church, VA; and Barclay Rogers, Martinsburg, WV.

President Joseph M. Gratto then reported on major efforts to refurbish the campus and his determination to see that the College undergoes a true renaissance. He noted that the College is reaffirmed as a residential branch of West Virginia University and is now better-understood in the state higher education system.

He reported that the Board of Trustees had granted the College \$88,000 to develop a master plan for the school's development, noting that last summer the Trustees had provided \$350,000 for the purchase of the lower farm from Mineral County.

Professor Haines introduced Mrs. Lena (Oss) Davis, Keyser, as representing the earliest class present—1920.

President Workmeister then presented awards to those who participated in the afternoon tennis tournament. First place went to Brian Piccolo, a student; second place was captured by assistant professor

Phil Douthitt, and alumnus Warren Richeson won third prize.

Professors Karen Campbell and James Hoey presided over the drawing for a computer from donations received from alumni over the past couple of months. Steve Blizzard, Class of 1965, Kerrville, Texas, was the winner.

During the business meeting Robert G. Eagle, '77; A. Craig Rotruck, '80, and Mrs. Francine Shanahan, '57 were elected to three-year terms on the Association's board of directors.

The late Reverend Donald W. Moore, former pastor of the Keyser Lutheran Church, gave the invocation. The banquet closed with the singing of the Alma Mater with Mrs. Katharine Church at the piano.

Flowers at the head table were given in memory of the late State Senator William Oates, a past president of the Association.



Mrs. Mary Evelyn Coffman, Class of 1936, recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for 1990, is shown with Dr. Joseph M. Gratto, president of Potomac State College.



Dr. Robert A. Gustafson, Class of 70, a pediatric surgeon at West Virginia University's School of Medicine and winner of the Alumni Achievement Award for 1990, is pictured with college president Joseph M. Gratto.

# Capsule Round-Up, 1990-91 Sports

The Catamount football team under Head Coach Angelo Luvara is looking forward to the 1991 season after a disappointing 3 win and 6 loss record in 1990. The Cats will return a solid squad of sophomores, many of whom participated in spring ball training.

The 1990 season was marked by six consecutive road games following the season opener. Additionally, the majority of the competition came from the ever tough Coastal Conference.

The Cats recorded wins against Stevens State (21-6) and the Frostburg State JV's (37-0, 24-13). Potomac State also played a great season opener against nationally

ranked North Greenville, giving up a pair of field goals in a 6-0 loss.

Other teams and scores on the 1990 schedule were Montgomery (17-7), Nassau (36-0), Lee McRee (51-7), Chowan (61-0), and Fork Union (27-0).

The 1991 season features five home and five away games.

The PSC baseball team compiled a 14-16-1 record in its first year back on the diamond in a decade. Under Head Coach Jack Reynolds, the Cats played tough ball with a squad that Reynolds characterized as a hustling group of young men who as a team played beyond their abilities.

The Catamounts scored runs

all season, ending up with a team batting average of .287, but lost some games because of weak pitching. Reynolds said that limited recruiting time hurt the college's effort to attract quality pitchers.

One highlight of the season was a spring training trip to Florida that included three intercollegiate games. The Cats played winning ball until a nine-game slide in late April brought them under .500.

The team missed qualifying for the Region XX Tournament in the last game of the season, a 5-1 loss to Beaver.

Head Coach Cary Woods finished a highly successful season of men's basketball with a 19-5 regular season record, a first-round win against Beaver in the Region XX Tournament, and a close loss to nationally ranked ACC in the second round of the Tournament.

The Catamounts scored impressive home court wins over rivals Garrett Community Col-

lege, Hagerstown Junior College, and Community College of Baltimore.

A fast start helped the team; PSC won nine of the first 10 games.

The Lady Cats' basketball team battled to an 8-12 regular season mark this year.

Guided by Head Coach Elizabeth Hudson, the Lady Cats won their season's opener against Rockville, 70-67, and also posted victories over Penn. State Altoona, Dundalk, Baltimore, and Anne Arundel.

Sophomore Jody Hockensmith broke PSC's single-game scoring record with 38 points in an 85-82 home-court win against Anne Arundel. The Lady Cats had lost to Anne Arundel by 20 points earlier in the season.

Freshman Mary Beardslee broke the school's 3-point record by successfully shooting six for six in a 60-47 win over Baltimore.

The Women's Volleyball team for the season of 1990

finished the season with a record of 15-16 in match-play including wins over several perennial winning schools.

The team was lead once again this year by Jody Hockensmith and Shannon McRae, both two-year starters. Jody was named this year to the Second Team All Region XX.

Tara Armiger, a freshman on the Potomac State Equestrian Team, qualified for the regional championship competition--the first team member to advance to national ranking since the sport was introduced at Potomac State three years ago.

Elevated from club to varsity sport status this year, the equestrian team competes in four intercollegiate horse shows involving both four year and two year colleges during the fall and winter. Although formal team standings are not assigned, the team has been highly competitive, bringing home 15-20 ribbons each trip.



Pictured above are Tona Courier, a 1991 graduate, and her mother, Professor Dinah Sue (Wells) Courier, Class of 64, displaying the plaque Tona received in Kansas City when she was named one of twenty Academic All-Americans First Team for Community, Technical, and Junior Colleges.

## Courrier Wins National Honor

Potomac State College 1991 graduate Tona S. Courrier, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James W. Courrier, Class of '63, Keyser, was named a member of the Academic All-American First Team for Community, Technical, and Junior Colleges in April.

Selected from over 400 nominees, she joined 19 other college students in receiving this national recognition from the American Association of Junior and Community Colleges at its annual convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Winners were presented with a plaque and a \$2,500 cash award. They were featured in the April 16 edition of the USA TODAY newspaper.

Miss Courrier, a biology major, was a member of the College's Honors Program.

She served as president of Sigma Phi Omega Honor Society during the past year and was also president of Circle K Service Club. She was a member of the Life Sciences Club, Student Government, and the Instruction Committee.

At the annual Recognition Day convocation she received the William B. McPherson Citizenship Award, the local Rotary Club's Service Above Self Award, the W. E. Michael Biology Award, and was named to Who's Who in American Junior Colleges.

President Joseph M. Gratto commented, "This is a singular honor for Tona and the college considering that one of twenty so chosen would come from a college that is one of the smallest public institutions in the country."

The College will remain open to all West Virginia high school graduates, and will continue to keep tuition and fees for West Virginia students low to keep college education as accessible as possible for state residents.

Regional demographic projections suggest that college

enrollments throughout the region will decline markedly commencing in 1993, a trend which will not reverse itself until after the turn of the century. President Gratto said that he does not expect Potomac State to experience as sharp a decrease in enrollment as many colleges, and hopes that the admissions standards and

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tuition changes will reduce current enrollment pressure somewhat. He said there was no point in the College's growing still larger in the next two years only to then experience a sharp decline. Gratto would, he said, prefer that a stable and adequate enrollment in the 1200-student range be developed and maintained.

## Prof. Criner Remembered

Miss Helen Clare Criner, 73, former registrar and admissions director at Potomac State College, died October 9, 1990, at Greenville, SC. She had retired from the College in 1978 as associate professor emerita of business and secretarial studies. Interment was in the parish cemetery of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, in her native Jeanette, PA.

Friends and colleagues of Professor Criner have had a plaque erected in the Administration Building, bearing her picture and the following inscription:

"This plaque is presented by friends and colleagues in loving memory of Helen C. Criner, associate professor emerita, who taught business and secretarial studies at Potomac State College from 1946 to 1978. She also served the College first as assistant registrar from 1946 to 1961 and then as registrar and director of admissions from 1962 until her retirement in 1978.

Professor Criner served as president of the West Virginia Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers in 1971. She received the Anderson-Milam Award from that organization in 1983 in



Helen Clare Criner

recognition of long and outstanding service to the students and the colleges of West Virginia. She was also instrumental in the establishment of the West Virginia College Day Program, conducted annually since 1950.

She will be remembered by her former students, colleagues, and friends as a dedicated teacher. Her tenure of 32 years at Potomac State College was marked by devotion to duty."

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**'24** - The Honorable Harley O. Staggers, Sr. was honored by the Mineral County Chamber of Commerce as a member of the community who has made lasting contributions in numerous areas including health, education, and economic development.

**'32** - Dr. William E. Coffman is still active professionally nine years after retirement. His most recent publication: Review of the Case Against the SAT. "Journal of Educational Measurement," Vol. 27, No 1, Spring 1990. Pg. 89-92.

**'41** - Don Swecker is a national director of the Colorado Ranger Horse Association.

**'43** - Dr. Robert Biddington has been named chairman of the Committee on Dental Health for the U.S. Olympic Committee. He will be responsible for guiding the committee's activities through 1992. Its primary objective is to develop programs to create a state of optimal dental health that will enhance athletic performance.

**'47** - William M. McLaughlin was inducted into the 1991 Keyser High Legion of Honor.

**'48** - Dr. Alvin P. Friend was selected as Garrett County's (Md.) Most Beautiful Person for 1990, a statewide program by Gov. William Donald Schaefer honoring true "unsung" heroes in Maryland. Dr. Friend's contributions have included significantly active roles in public education about oral hygiene, leadership in the Allegany-Garrett Dental Society and dedication to the Church. His contributions span around the world as he has volunteered time and expertise for dental care in Haiti and Honduras since the late 1970's.

**'49** - Betty Wharton Javine has retired as Coordinator, Laboratory Education from Mercy Hospital where she has been employed for 30 years. She lives in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**'49** - Neil Gutshall former Parsons High School coach and a legend in West Virginia sports, will be honored during halftime ceremonies at the Coaches All-Star Football Classic IX, to be held June 28 at Greenway Avenue Stadium, Cumberland, Maryland. He recently retired from teaching, coached 15 years at Parsons following a stint at Davy James Junior High School in West Virginia's McDowell County. His football record at Parsons was 101 wins, 48 losses and three ties. In basketball he coached the Panthers to 314 wins against 134 losses.

**'51** - Edith Awman Barill was unanimously appointed mayor of Star City, West Virginia.



## Class of 1940

Members of the Class of 1940 who attended Homecoming last year to mark their 50th anniversary were:

Front row (left to right): Ella Bell Welton Fraser, Sarah Oliver Twigg, Maxine Hull Kight, Glovinia Rumer Bratzel, Allena Hickman McLaughlin, Betty Heltzel Hawkins, Margaret Greenwade Coleman

Back row (left to right): John B. Martin, Harrell Smith, Dr. Jack Alexander, Steve McClure Carney, Jack Tabscott, John Nelson, Captain Hartsel McCue, Arthur G. Kuykendall

**'52** - William (Ted) Brown is Lt. Governor, Zone 9 of the Optimist International Capital-Virginia District representing Optimist Clubs of Great Falls, McLean, McLean-Tysons, Oakton, Reston, and Vienna.

**'53** - Doris Bane Keller is the 1991 Mineral County Teacher of the Year.

**'54** - Harry S. White, Jr. has been appointed Administrator, University Eye Center, Department of Ophthalmology at West Virginia University, Health Sciences Center.

**'55** - George K. Oss has been named President of Vesar Laboratories, Inc., a Virginia firm specializing in analytical services for the environmental industry. They help solve environmental and health and safety problems caused by pollutants, hazardous materials, and toxic substances.

**'56** - Richard A. Ball professor of sociology at WVU, was one of three recipients of the Outstanding Researcher Award for 1991 which recognizes significant research contributions.

**'57** - Eugene McCauley, Jr. has been promoted to Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the Potomac Edison Company.

**'58** - Russell L. Curtis, Jr., Ph.D. is associate professor of sociology at the University of Houston.

**'59** - Donald L. Clem was promoted to a vice-president position with Westvaco Corporation.

**'60** - Charles Ryan has expanded his research firm from Charleston, W.Va. to Washington, D.C. The new compa-

ny, Ryan-McGinn-Samples Research Inc., has been created through the restructuring of Ryan Samples Research Inc. This is one of four affiliated companies which Mr. Ryan has organized. His first was Charles Ryan Associates, Inc., a public relations firm in 1974. Charles Ryan Associates is now the second largest public relations firm in the southeastern United States, and the 42nd largest in the United States. He has expanded operations into the field of advertising, government relations, public opinion research, and film and video production.

**'60** - Tom Patterson and his wife Judy Burns Patterson, '60, both teach in Independence, Oregon. Judy spent a week in Japan last year, taking six of her students to their sister high school in Japan.

**'61** - David K. Cummings has been promoted to the rank of full colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and was recently named commander of the 469th Military Intelligence Detachment (Strategic) which is stationed at Fort Snelling. He is president and chief executive officer of the Minnesota Insurance Information Center, an insurance public relations and consumer assistance organization supported by Minnesota's insurance industry.

**'61** - Carl "Denny" Avers was inducted into the 1991 Keyser High Legion of Honor. He will be traveling to Santa Barbara, CA and Syracuse, NY to evaluate engineering schools as part of his work as an evaluator for the Accreditation Board for Engineering

Technology.

**'61** - Carl Gentile has been employed at Bethel Park (PA) High School for 27 years teaching the gifted class in American History. He has received the Outstanding Teacher Award from the University of Chicago and the American Family Institute, King of Prussia, awarded him "The Time Award" for being willing to give his students an extra amount of his time.

**'62** - Dr. David B. Pariser received the Outstanding Research Award for the WVU College of Business and Economics.

**'62** - James Moreland is a Navy aviation mechanic with the Patrol Squadron Eight who was deployed to Sicily last December. He deals with the repair and upkeep of several P3-C Orion aircraft.

**'62** - Gary G. Friend, recently earned a Ph. D. degree in university leadership and ethics from the University of Florida. A former Airborne Ranger and decorated Viet Nam War veteran, Col. Friend retired from the U.S. Army in 1986. He holds a AB in history and political science from WVU, an MBA from George Washington University, and a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Doctor Friend, his wife, Jacquelyn, and their three children, Gary II, Matthew, and Jennifer, reside in Alachua, Florida.

**'64** - Barbara O'Rear Forrest is working with an environmental attorney in Brandon, Vermont. She is running a Bed and Breakfast Inn

from her 1815 home in Brandon (Vt.) called "Brandon Ordinary." She said PSC Alumni are especially welcomed!

**'65** - Rodger Kenworthy is President of Multi-Media Corporation in Washington, DC.

**'65** - Alfred J. Barbano, Jr. is national personnel manager for H. L. Yoh Company, Philadelphia, PA.

**'66** - John Yacka has returned to teaching at Toms River, New Jersey. He was with the ROTC program at the University of Notre Dame. He has been promoted to full colonel and has been accepted to the War College.

**'66** - Leo Dandeo is principal of Sabraton Elementary School, Sabraton, WV.

**'66** - George Evans was featured in the October issue of "The Mountain State Water Line." He is the senior member of the West Virginia Rural Water Association.

**'67** - David C. Harman has been elected first vice president of the West Virginia State Firemen's Association.

**'67** - William Stover owns a camera store in Martinsburg, WV, and is to be the future president of the Martinsburg, WV, Rotary Club.

**'67** - Karen Miltenberger Bundy has been appointed to the local board of Appalachian Environmental Laboratory Center for Environmental and Estuarine Studies. She is currently supervisor of Science, Physical Education and Athletics in Allegany County, Md.

**'67** - William E. Iman, Jr., D.V.M. has his own practice in veterinary medicine, Iman Veterinary Hospital, Oregon, Ohio.

**'67** - John McIlwee was artistic director and costume designer at North Carolina State University. He is now director of theater at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC.

**'68** - Doris Kitzmiller Sowers is employed as a customer service representative for First United Bank of West Virginia, N.A.

**'68** - Renae Reed Patrick is an attorney in Hampton, VA, practicing mainly in domestic relations and bankruptcy. From 1987 until her move to Newport News, VA, in 1989 she was a substitute judge in the General District and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts in Roanoke and Salem, VA.

**'68** - Kenneth Patrick is the minister at Trinity United Methodist Church in Newport News, VA. In the summer of 1987 he hiked the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine and raised more than \$10,000 in pledges which was used to start a day shelter for the homeless in Roanoke, VA.

**'69** - Darrell Rotruck of the 201st Field Artillery unit

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spoke to students at the New Creek School about the Persian Gulf War.

**'69 - LINDA GARDNER HICKS** is employed as a Support Projects Specialist at West Virginia College in Buckhannon, WV.

**'70 - MIKE HICKS** was chosen Coach of the Year by the Big Ten Conference for the 1990 football season. Mike is head football coach at Philip Barbour High School in Barboursville, WV.

**'70 - Cathy Goheen Littlefield** is a special education teacher at Upper Arlington High School, Columbus, OH. She was honored last summer to be chosen Teacher of the Year in her school and in August, 1990, was the recipient of the Franklin B. Walter Outstanding Educator Award from the Ohio Department of Education.

**'71 - Major John William Pack, Jr.** is in charge of the 201st Field Artillery Unit, Fairmont.

**'72 - Paul Dunkle, III**, is administrative director of financial analysis for technical operations at Northwest Airlines.

**'73 - Dr. Norma K. Bowyer** is Director of Outreach Clinical Programs at Southern California College of Optometry, Fullerton, California.

**'73 - M. Kelly Day** has joined the faculty of Fort High High School, Allegany County, Md. For the past three years he was a guidance counselor and special education teacher for Grades 6-8 at the Keyser Primary Middle School.

**'73 - Ike Kniceley** has been promoted to Northern Region Sales Representative for the Taney Corporation, Taneytown, Md.

**'74 - Carolyn Paxton** has been chosen Allegany County's (Md.) 1990 Teacher of the Year.

**'74 - Dawn Dayton Keys** is regional editor in charge of three zoned editions at the Beckley (W.Va.) newspaper.

**'76 - Brenda Fike Simpson** was a runner up for the 1991 Mineral County Teacher of the Year.

**'76 - Denna Thaxton Samms** is employed for the Department of Agriculture as a microbiologist in Charleston, West Virginia.

**'76 - Mark W. Stewart** was elected to the Mineral County Board of Education.

**'76 - Jaye Clise Cleaver** is employed as an Accountant III for the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind in Romney, WV.

**'76 - Dr. Gerry Clarkson** is Associate Professor of Physical Science at Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Texas.



**Class of 1965**

Members of the Class of 1965 who attended Homecoming last year to mark their 25th anniversary were:

Front row (left to right): Alfred J. Barbano, Cheryl Smith Stephens, Barclay L. Rogers, Dinnah Vann McDaniels, George Stanya

Back row (left to right): W. David Prediger, John C. Harvey, Robert A. Trout, Richard Carson, Roger N. Smith

**'76 - Donna Landis Leighton** was crowned Ms. West Virginia Beta Sigma Phi. She is employed by the Harrison County (W.Va.) Board of Education as a substitute teacher.

**'76 - William Kuykendall**, a Keyser attorney and dairy farmer, and Gary Ack, Jr., '84, a special education teacher at Keyser High School, were selected last fall to participate as part of the six-member exchange team from Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia for a six-week tour of Johannesburg, South Africa and the surrounding area as part of the Rotary International exchange program.

**'78 - Doug Tanner** is teaching United States history, geography, sociology, and law at the local high school in Fuquay, NC. He is also the baseball coach.

**'79 - Helen Bingham** has been named postmaster of the Piedmont Post Office.

**'81 - Norma Umstot Brown** has been named director of nursing at Heartland of Keyser.

**'81 - Dr. Salvatore L. Oliverio** is currently a board certified foot and ankle surgeon practicing in Akron, Ohio.

**'82 - Sandra Griffin** received her master's degree from Marymount University last August. She is employed by Science Application International Corporation, McLean, Va., as a division administrator.

**'82 - Kevin Dulaney** was recently promoted to Management Information Systems Director for the City of Largo, Florida. He received his bach-

elor of arts degree in May, 1989, from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida.

**'82 - Allen Shapiro** has recently opened a new store in Keyser called Shapiro's Casuals.

**'83 - Edward L. Mackereth** was named head basketball coach at Oldtown High School in Oldtown, Md.

**'83 - Dr. Michael L. Gustafson** was appointed a Research Fellow for two years at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Last year Dr. Gustafson completed his second year of general surgery residence at Ohio State University Hospitals in Columbus, OH. He will be devoting the next two years to basic molecular biology and immunology research in the Pediatric Surgical Research Laboratories at Massachusetts General Hospital.

**'83 - Dr. Michael L. Gustafson** was appointed a Research Fellow for two years at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Last year Dr. Gustafson completed his second year of general surgery residence at Ohio State University Hospitals in Columbus, OH. He will be devoting the next two years to basic molecular biology and immunology research in the Pediatric Surgical Research Laboratories at Massachusetts General Hospital.

**'83 - Brian L. Smith** has joined the staff of Rotruck Funeral Home, Keyser. He is a graduate of the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science.

**'83 - James E. Smith, II** has joined the law firm of Barr & James, Keyser. He will practice in the areas of personal injury, worker's compensation, civil litigation, tax law, and the law of wills, trusts and estates. He has been admitted to practice law in the jurisdictions of West Virginia, Virginia and the District of Columbia. In 1986 he became

a Certified Public Accountant.

**'84 - Catherine Blair Romanosky** has been appointed director of public relations for Ohio Valley Health Services and Education Corporation, parent company of Ohio Valley Medical Center, East Ohio Regional Hospital and Peterson Hospital. She is responsible for all public relations and advertising efforts for the three hospitals.

**'84 - Dr. Michael L. Gustafson** was appointed a Research Fellow for two years at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Last year Dr. Gustafson completed his second year of general surgery residence at Ohio State University Hospitals in Columbus, OH. He will be devoting the next two years to basic molecular biology and immunology research in the Pediatric Surgical Research Laboratories at Massachusetts General Hospital.

**'84 - Todd Riddleman** is branch manager for First Federal Savings Bank, Cumberland, Md. He was chairman of the United Way campaign in the Cumberland area.

**'84 - Dr. D. Kelly Agnew** has won first place in a presentation of his paper, "Radiographic Evaluation of Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstructive Graft Placement" which was presented at a combined meeting of the North and South Carolina Orthopaedic Association held in Ashville, NC. The paper presented new thoughts on the use of X-rays to evaluate the success of common form of reconstructive knee surgery.

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**'85 - Michelle Amtower** has graduated from Ohio State University with a doctor of veterinary degree. She is an associate veterinarian with Dr. Allen M. Garst of Walkersville, Md.

**'85 - Steven D. Haskins** is employed as resident engineer for Seeley, Stevenson, Value & Knecht (a national civil engineering firm) in Rochester, NY. His present assignment is overseeing reconstruction of a major highway in the area.

**'85 - ALICIA DISHMAN HANNA** was recently awarded the Doctor of Optometry degree during the 75th commencement of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in Philadelphia.

**'86 - Beth Grayson** will be traveling to Guatemala to immunize children.

**'86 - Greg Cadle** has graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Massachusetts at Boston. His degree is in the field of economics with a concentration on health care studies. He has been serving as a Naval Reserve hospital corpsman, third class petty officer, attached to the air wing Naval Air Station, South Weymouth, Mass. He accepted a commission to be a Navy Medical Service Corps officer (health care administrator). He will be assigned to the Naval Hospital, Millington, Tenn.

**'87 - Lisa Schoppert** has won a four-year term to the Piedmont city council.

**'87 - Karen Woy Patterson** has been selected by the Academy for Health Care Marketing, a division of the American Marketing Association, as co-presenter for a national presentation on "The Visiting Clinician: Marketing the Academic Medical Center" to be presented in Las Vegas. The Visiting Clinician program, developed and implemented by Ms. Patterson, is the only known program of its kind in the nation. The innovative marketing project is designed to network family physicians from communities throughout West Virginia to specialists at the West Virginia University Health Center. Ms. Patterson also serves as coordinator for the Partners in Health program at West Virginia University.

**'87 - Kelly K. Knight** has been awarded an administrator internship at Morgantown's Chestnut Ridge Hospital. A WVU graduate, she has a bachelor's degree in psychology and is seeking a master degree in public administration.

**'88 - Molly Beth Alvaro** was elected Governor for the West Virginia District of Circle K International for 1991-92. A graduate of Fairmont State College, she is working for a master's degree from West Virginia University in counseling. She is specializing in secondary education counseling.

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**'88 - Paula Bosley Streets** has graduated from Frostburg State University obtaining a bachelor of science degree in early childhood elementary education. She has been inducted into the Gamma Omicron Chapter of Pi Lambda Theta, a national honor and professional association in education that requires a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale for membership.

**'88 - Mark Farris** was named last year's recipient of the Sarfino and Rhoades Accounting Scholarship at Frostburg State University. He received his undergraduate degree this year from FSU and has been employed in the accounting department of Carl Belt, Inc., since May, 1988. He plans to take the examination to become a certified public account in the spring of next year, and to attend law school at West Virginia University this fall.

**'88 - Stacey Drish Hypes** graduated magna cum laude from WVU in 1990 in Agriculture Reserve Management. She is presently a graduate student at WVU in Agronomy.

**'88 - Alisa Hudson George** graduated from Fairmont State College in May 1990 with a

degree in business administration with a concentration in Marketing and a minor in Accounting. She is employed by Kelley Temporary Services working for Otis Elevator.

**'88 - Allen Hypes** graduated magna cum laude from WVU in 1990 in Animal and Veterinary Science. He is presently a graduate student at WVU in Animal and Veterinary Science.

**'89 - Shannon J. Stoffle** has been accepted at the University of Georgia Veterinary Medical School for the fall 1990 term.

**'89 - Marnie Jo Marker** was recently elected to the West Virginia Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the highest undergraduate academic honor a student in the arts and sciences curriculum can receive.

**'89 - Nile Peaytt** received a recording contract as a songwriter with Starlite Productions for 5 songs. His work will be on a album called "America's Rising Stars" which is being nationally promoted this summer. His featured song is called "Starting Over."

**'90 - Shawn Yvette Hartman** has been chosen as a preliminary winner and one of 18 young women who will compete in the Miss West Virginia Scholarship Pageant.

**McBride Commencement Speaker**

West Virginia astronaut Captain Jon McBride (USN RET) challenged the members of the Class of 1991 by giving a formula for successful living through the letters of the word "challenge."

Compassion, honesty, aggressiveness, love, labor, enthusiasm, niche, goals, and energy were the ingredients of his formula at the College's 88th Commencement held Sunday, May 5 at the Church-McKee Arts Center.

Dr. Joseph M. Gratto, president of the college, presided over the conferring of 122 degrees, including 90 Associate in Arts degrees and 32 Associate in Applied Science degrees. He was assisted by Professor Nancy M. Hockensmith, dean of the college.

Greetings were extended by several dignitaries representing various organizations associated with the college.

David Hardesty, chairman of the West Virginia University Board of Trustees, told the graduates that "those who are nurtured in Appalachia leave, but look back. Their ties are not severed." He told the class that as they achieve success, they will look back with great affection for the teachers who nurtured them.

Hardesty also praised Dr. Gratto for his "common sense and good heart", noting that the president's influence goes beyond the Keyser campus.

John F. Workmeister, Jr., president, brought greetings from the Alumni Association, while Russell Dean, assistant vice-president of curriculum at West Virginia University, spoke on behalf of the parent institution, noting that he finds Potomac State graduates "well-educated and able to take on the course work at WVU."

Jennings Stickley, Class of '57, represented the Visiting Committee. Also on stage were Joseph Simoni of the Board of Trustees and Chancellor Charles Manning.

A reception was held for the graduates and their parents on the patio following the ceremony.



Pictured above are the principals at our 1991 graduation. From L to r. Jennings R. Stickey, chairman, Visiting Committee; Chancellor Charles Manning; Captain Jon McBride, commencement speaker; Russell Dean, Assistant Vice President, Curriculum and Instruction, WVU; President Joseph M. Gratto; David Hardesty, Chair, University of w.Va. Board of Trustees; and Dean Nancy M. Hockensmith.

**Alumni Deaths**

**REBECCA JOHNSON FISCHER**, '19, Gastonia, NC, October 21, 1989.

**MARGARET CRAWFORD**, '42, Pueblo, CO, August 16, 1988.

**JOHN DAY**, '48, Clarksburg, WV, March 1988.

**THOMAS EDWARD BURNS**, '49, Cumberland, MD.

**JOSEPH W. THOMPSON**, '45, New Carrollton, MD, September 30, 1990.

**EVELYN OSS SHIPPER**, '32, Cumberland, MD, 1968.

**W. LANDON DENNISON**, '27, Princeton, NJ, August 9, 1990.

**CHARLES HINES**, '47, Lumberport, WV.

**JAMES FUGATE**, '47, Culloden, WV.

**ERNEST CASSEDAY**, '57, Philippi, WV.

**HARRY KORAL**, '40, Nemacolin, PA.

**LEONARD SHALOWITZ**, '64, Arlington, VA, 1978.

**GERALD ROBERT HOLLEN**, '47, Corona, CA, August 9, 1990.

**BRIAN McLAUGHLIN**, '84, Elk Garden, WV, December 18, 1988.

**CHRISTINE MASON MCNEILL**, '18, Dayton, OH, September 24, 1990.

**JAMES R. BROOME**, '32, Keyser, September 27, 1990.

**CHARLES M. TERRELL**, '14, Greenwich, Conn., February 14, 1980.

**ANTONIO M. HOLLMAN**, '84, Johnstown, PA.

**ANTHONY FERRISE**, '54, Morgantown, WV, November 6, 1990.

**RICHARD BRENNAN RISING**, '84, Midland, MD, July 14, 1990.

**HARRY W. MILLER**, '58, Baltimore, MD, June 4, 1989.

**JOHN A. BITONTI**, '32,

Clarksburg, WV, November 22, 1990.

**EDISON McCULLOUGH**, St. Marys, WV, 1989.

**MARY E. CARPENTER**, '39, Keyser, November 23, 1990.

**H. L. BRANSON**, '16, Baker, WV, 1985.

**JOHN R. SHIRK**, '81, Fisher, WV.

**DWIGHT E. HOVIS**, '52, Oakland, MD, December 19, 1990.

**JODY LYNN HECKMAN**, '89, Keyser, WV, March 10, 1991.

**CALVIN F. McCOOLE**, '22, Hopemont, WV, 1991.

**DAVID "WOODY" WOODWORTH, JR.**, '48, Reisterstown, MD, April 9, 1991.

**SHIRLEY STEADMAN SHELTON**, '45, Keyser, April 4, 1991.

**FRANK D. HUTCHINSON, JR.**, '24, Romney, WV, February 17, 1991.

**FRANKLIN S. JOHN-SON**, Keyser, May 7, 1991.

**ROY M. MILLER**, '48, Bloomfield, KY, July 27, 1990.

**MARGARET GRAYSON VOORHEES**, '24, Arlington, VA, November 20, 1990.

**CHARLES DODSON**, '56, Martinsburg, WV, July 14, 1990.

**FRANK J. LECHIARA**, '59, Bridgeport, WV, 1979.

**VINCENT F. MAYOLO**, I, '48, Lanham, MD, May 12, 1991.

**PATRICK KUYKENDALL**, '68 King George, VA, May 28, 1991.

**FRED MILLS**, '41, Greensboro, N.C.

**JACK WELLER**, '41, **WILLIAM BEUG**, '41, Springfield, OH.

**KENNETH M. MALONE**, '47, Keyser, WV, June 23, 1991.

**Office Systems Improved**

Harlan Shreve, Class of 1972, and Kathy Ludwick, Class of 1976, of our Computer Center have completed a new administrative information system for the College. Shreve, who has been a programmer for the College since 1972, worked with all the campus offices beginning in 1989. Ms. Ludwick, who has been on our staff for two years, assisted with the programming.

The system was implemented last summer when it was first used to register and process students for the fall semester.

The system has capabilities

to process catalog and schedule information, application information, student records, registration, billing, housing, grade and transcript records, and medical records.

The system is used on the Digital Equipment Corporation's VAX 8250 computer, which has 16 megabytes of main memory and 900 megabytes of disk storage.

The program's future plans include enhancement to some of the existing program modules, including additional reports, a recruiting module, integration of the athletic department, and a degree audit system.

**POTOMAC STATE COLLEGE  
1991 "CATAMOUNT"  
FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sat, Aug. 31	North Greenville	AWAY	1:00
Sat., Sept. 7	Montgomery	HOME	7:30
Sat., Sept. 14	WV Wesleyan JV's	AWAY	1:30
Sun., Sept. 22	Frostburg State JV's	HOME	1:30
Sat., Sept. 28	Nassau	HOME	1:30
Sat., Oct. 5	Montgomery	AWAY	1:30
Sat., Oct. 12	Chowan	HOME	1:30
Sun., Oct. 20	Frostburg State JV's	AWAY	1:00
Sat., Oct. 26	Fork Union	AWAY	2:30
Sat., Nov. 9	Stevens	HOME	1:30

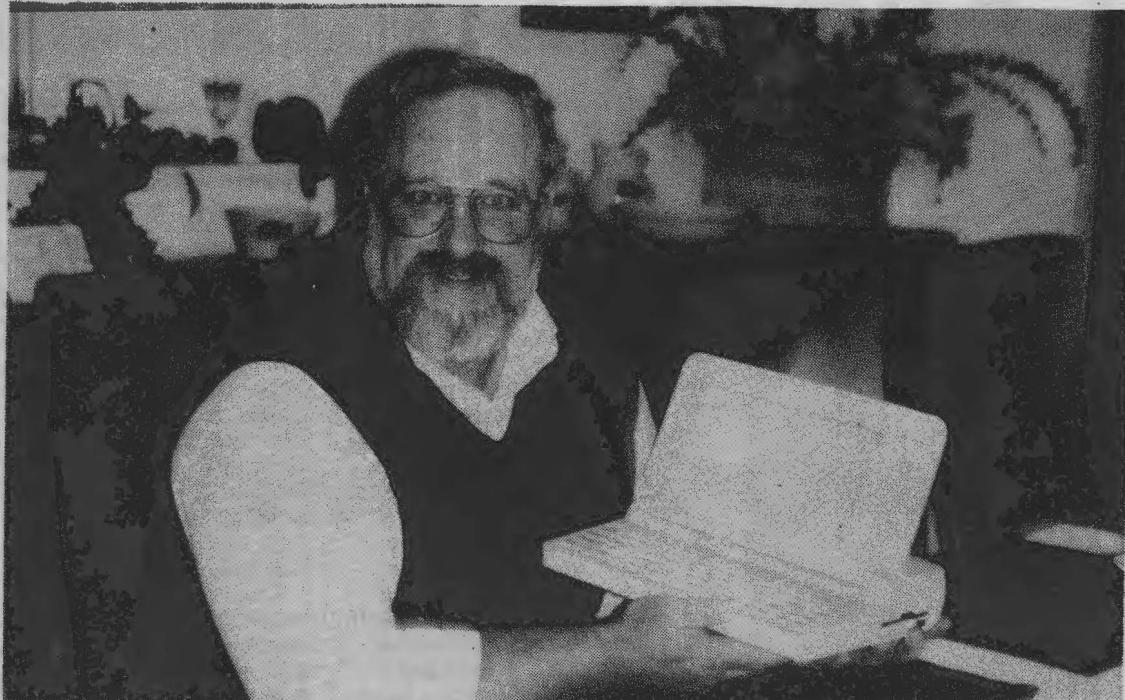
ATHLETIC COORDINATOR: Larry G. Bolyard  
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH: Angelo Luvara  
ASSISTANTS:

Donnie Tucker, James Landes, Harold Hershberger,  
James Thompson, Doug Wade & Pete Webb

**Kesner Honored**

Paul D. Kesner, Class of '79, dean of student development at the College, was awarded the 1991 TRIO Achiever Award from the State of West Virginia at the 15th annual Mideastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel Conference held in March at the Seven Springs (PA) Resort. A luncheon was held in his honor at which he was presented a plaque for his achievements.

He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and English from the University of Rhode Island and a master's in counseling psychology from Frostburg State University.



Dr. Steven Blizzard, Kerrville, Texas, Class of '65, is pictured with the Panasonic CF-150 notebook computer which he won at Homecoming 1990. The computer was the prize offered by our Computer Science and Office Technology Departments in a raffle they conducted last fall.

## Blizzard Laptop Computer Winner

Pictured above is Dr. Steven Blizzard, graduate of the class of 1965, using the laptop computer which he won in the drawing sponsored by the members of the Computer/Office Technology Departments. The fund raising activity was conducted to enable faculty members to purchase state-of-the-art computer equipment for classroom usage and to provide monetary assistance for faculty participation in professional seminars and workshops. The fundraiser was very successful; over \$10,000 was raised as the initial contribution to the fund. Members of the Computer/Office Depart-

ments are extremely grateful to alumni for their willingness to support the program, the facul-

ty, and ultimately, today's students at Potomac State College.

## Baseball Returns To PSC

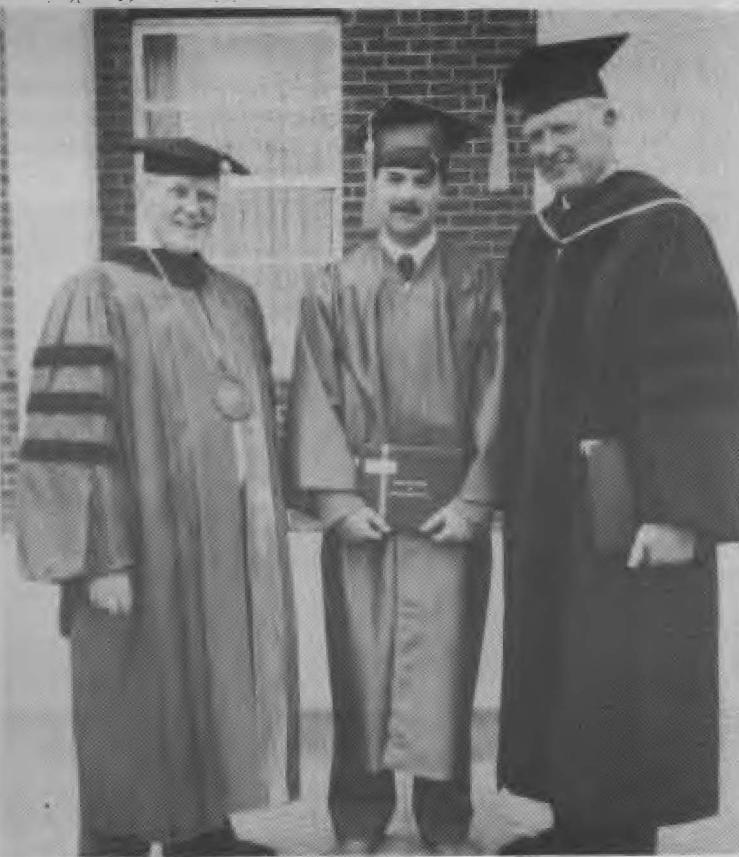
The reestablishment of baseball at Potomac State this spring met with the approval of the student body, faculty, and community. Professor Jack Reynolds, history, is again head coach, a position in which he served until the spring of 1980 when baseball was dropped from the sports program.

The Catamounts posted a season of fourteen wins, six-

teen losses, and one tie, nearly breaking the .500 in their inaugural year.

Coach Reynolds noted, "Our records were actually quite successful when you consider all the factors involved. To win 14 games in a season when you start at the ground is quite an accomplishment."

Potomac State will have a solid nucleus to build upon for next year, with Reynolds scouting talent for next year's season.



PSC Outstanding Student John Staggers III was recognized at graduation for his achievements by Dr. Joseph M. Gratto, president, and Captain Jon McBride, graduation speaker.

## \$100,000 Grant Renewed

Potomac State College received a \$100,000 grant by the United States Department of Education to fund the operation of a Student Support Services Program for the past academic year.

The major purpose of PSC's Student Support Services Program is to provide academic support services to assist eligible disadvantaged junior college students toward successful completion of a two-year program of study.

Within this purpose, specific objectives relate to the overall goals of developing academic skills, increasing student retention and graduation rates, as well as pursuing educational degrees beyond that of a two-year college.

Services offered to project participants include: tutorial

services, remedial instruction, personal counseling, in-depth career guidance, job-placement assistance, comprehensive transfer information, study skills instruction, academic advising, general orientation to the college, basic skills development, financial aid advisement, skill workshops, handicapped services, and educational/cultural activities not usually available to disadvantaged students.

Potomac State College's Student Support Services Program has been continuously funded since the fall, 1971 semester. The program is monitored by the Department of Education on an annual basis, and a grant proposal must be submitted every three years in order to compete for federal monies. The most recent proposal earned 96.5 of 100 possible points in the Student Support Services competition.

## Honors Program Grows

The 1990-91 school year again saw an increase in the number of students enrolled in the Potomac State College Honors Program, during the spring semester. In the fall, fourteen students were enrolled and in the spring twenty-four.

In fall 1990, two Honors courses were offered, in General Biology 1 and Humanities 1. In the spring of 1991, English 36, the Short Story and Novel was added in addition to Biology 2. Some of the faculty took the Honors students on significant out-of-class excursions. Professors Hockensmith and Wilcox took their biology students to the Baltimore Inner Harbor Aquarium and Professor Whitmore took his students to the Mel Gibson film HAMLET, in Frostburg.

Interesting activities were planned for Honors students during the school year. A get-acquainted dinner was held at the Pizza Hut in the fall, and a Christmas party in December. The third annual Honors off-campus activity was held in the spring when twelve Honors students went to Charleston, West Virginia, accompanied by Professors Carroll, Hockensmith, and Owen. Students were able to watch the State Legislature in session and to meet Governor Caperton and several congressmen.



A happy reunion occurred last fall at the Homecoming Banquet when Dr. Robert Gustafson, center, pediatric surgeon and our Alumni Achievement Award winner, was reunited with one of his former patients, Jesse Liebig, age 8. Looking on is Jesse's grandfather, Dr. Carl Liebig, who presented Gustafson's award.

# 1991 Hall Of Fame Inductees

Potomac State College alumni and friends, especially those who have followed Catamount teams over the years, met April 13 at the Keyser Moose to honor four former school athletes whose achievements in life are too great to fit on any scoreboard.

Three were on hand to accept their plaques documenting them as members of the Potomac State College Athletic Hall of Fame. The fourth inductee was represented by his sister at the banquet where many old friends, teammates and rivals were gathered in good fellowship.

Shirley Workman, sister of the late Ray "Cotton" Mills, and her husband, Dr. Glenn Workman, Cumberland, accepted the plaque. She told the crowd that her brother had

loved football, had loved Potomac State, and how proud she was to accept this honor on his behalf.

Mills was introduced by Tom O'Connor, retired coach at Ridgeley High and Keyser High, who related how Mills had played on the 1928 Keyser High football team. In fact, Coach O'Connor, said, after a sports writer in Cumberland saw Keyser's 28-0 defeat of Allegany, he wrote that the Campers were run over by a golden tornado. Keyser High adopted this nick name the very next season.

Mills continued his education at Potomac State where he played for the late George Parrish. He was captain of the 1930 Catamount football team and was all-conference. Mills' career on the football field



**Ray (Cotton) Mills**

continued, and O'Connor pointed out that he was recruited by Pitt which offered him both a scholastic and an athletic scholarship. However, Mills preferred Virginia Tech and while there made the AP Coaches All-American list in 1932.

Harold Effland, retired editor of the Mineral Daily News-Tribune, introduced Jerry Calhoun, retired head football and track coach at Beall High School, as one of the winningest coaches in the area. Calhoun played at Potomac State College under the tutelage of Coach Dana "Horse" Lough in 1937. He continued his education at Shepherd College and his career on the gridiron as quarterback, punter and place-kicker. He served as captain of the Shepherd team.

As the end of his collegiate football career neared, he received an offer from the Pittsburgh Steelers, but instead, Calhoun signed up with the U.S. Navy. During the next eight years, Capt. Calhoun served aboard a mine-sweeper and gathered nine battle stars. He returned to Shepherd in 1946 as a basketball coach. Later, he moved into school boy sports as football, basketball, baseball and track coach at Berkeley Springs High School. Not long after this, he found his place — at Beall High School in Frostburg — and stayed the next 28 years.

Coach Calhoun recalled with pride of knowing the late PSC President E.E. Church, Dean K.S. McKee, and Coach Lough. He shared a letter he had received shortly after being inducted into the Maryland High School Coaches Hall of Fame. The writer, a former student and team member, congratulated his coach and thanked him for helping him to become "mentally tough and able to get up after you've been knocked down."

The coach told those assem-

bled that "this is what remains after all the wins and the losses, and is why we stay in coaching."

John Workmeister, president, Potomac State College Alumni Association, introduced Chester Payne, retired coach at Allegany High School, as his friend of 35 years, and all-around good citizen and good man. Payne was an outstanding player at Potomac State, and as coach at Allegany had teams which took six Western Maryland championships.

Coach Payne offered his appreciation of this honor and recalled briefly the hardships and victories of the early days that served and encouraged him during the years which followed.

Fred "Tack" Clark, retired

football coach at Keyser High, introduced Paul Kalbaugh, retired coach at Elk Garden High School. Coach Clark said that Kalbaugh found another way to coach. He explained that all coaches use rule books but Kalbaugh also had another rule book he relied on — the Bible.

Coach Clark told the crowd that in all the years he had been associated with Paul Kalbaugh he had never heard him use profanity. He cited Kalbaugh's successes at Elk Garden High — 75 percent wins in baseball, 65 percent wins in basketball, and 85 percent wins in cross country.

Coach Kalbaugh described circumstances and facilities common in the days when high school athletic contests were new. The desire to play

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Tom O'Connor, member of the Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee, is seen presenting Mrs. Shirley (Mills) Workman the plaque honoring her late brother, Ray (Cotton) Mills one of four inductees this year.



Paul Kalbaugh, Class of 1933, is pictured receiving his Athletic Hall of Fame plaque from Fred "Tack" Clark, a member of the Selection Committee.



Harold Effland, Class of 1948, and a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee, is seen presenting a plaque to inductee Gerald Calhoun, Class of 1937.



Athletic Hall of Fame Honoree Chester Payne, Class of 1944, is pictured receiving his Athletic Hall of Fame Award from Alumni Association President John Workmeister.

## Fame...

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overcame in more than one instance having no coach and no place to play. One such instance Kalbaugh recalled, they really didn't have enough players to make a team, either. "We picked up two from Kitzmiller — we had four from Elk Garden — and went and beat the undefeated Garrett County team."

Kalbaugh said his secret of success as a coach at Elk Garden was the year-round inter-mural program he supervised.

Kalbaugh, in closing, cited the late Gene Becker, one of his students. Becker organized and established the Potomac State College Athletic Hall of Fame.

This is the fourth round of induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Potomac State.

Those honored initially in 1988 were John Allen, Fred (Tack) Clark, Gene M. Guarilla, John Kruk, Pete Ladydo, Dr. Demie Mainieri, Harley O.

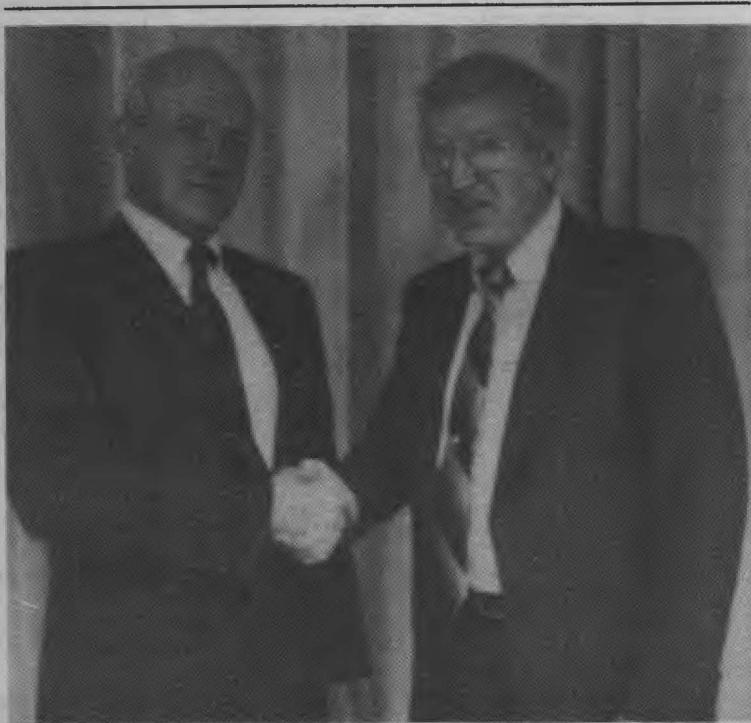
Staggers, Sr., and Joe Stanislawczyk (all living), and Dana (Horse) Lough, Paul Davis, and James Fazzalore (all deceased).

Eight were added in 1989: Al Baisi, Neal Baisi, Harold Effland, John E. Grindle, E. A. (Eck) Miers, and Dr. Paul Nestor (all living), and Ed Kelley and George Parrish (both deceased).

Named to receive the honor in 1990 were Virgil C. Bailey, Russell Helmick, W. A. (Huck) Miers, Dale Ramsburg, and Glenn (Tink) Smith.

PSC Athletic Director Larry Bolyard was master of ceremonies, college president Dr. Joseph Gratto welcomed the guests and honorees, and PSC Professor Emeritus David G. Nuzum gave the invocation.

While the night was filled with memories of teams of the past, Dr. Gratto urged the gathering to take a look at the team of the present. He noted with pride the college's equestrian team, saying, here Potomac State can successfully compete with Michigan State.



Dr. Lester K. Beavers, professor of political science, is shown being congratulated upon his honor as outstanding professor at the college for 1990 by President Joseph M. Gratto.

## Beavers Honored

Dr. Lester K. Beavers, professor of political science and sociology, was selected in April as the Outstanding Professor at Potomac State College for 1990-91. His selection by a committee of his peers was based on outstanding teaching, service to the college community, and professional development.

Appointed to the faculty in 1971, Dr. Beavers became a full professor in 1981. He served during the past school year as coordinator of institutional research.

Colleagues describe him as a conscientious and experienced educator. Administrators note that he has provided

considerable flexibility for college programs, teaching political science, sociology, social work, and Spanish as well.

At the College he chairs the Curriculum Committee, the Long-Range Planning Council, and the College-Wide Review Committee. He currently represents the College on the West Virginia University Faculty Senate and serves on the Associate Degree Program Review Committee for the State.

A past president of the Keyser Rotary Club, he is currently president of the board of directors of the Developmental Center and Workshop in Keyser.

## ALUMNI NEWS

# Campus Projects Listed

the renovations over the Christmas break.

Minor repairs will include roof work on the maintenance building and on part of Davis Hall. The old ag shop may be renovated and converted to a bookstore and post office in order to permit the library to take over the space in the library now occupied by the bookstore.

In addition, concrete work on walkways, improvement of handicap ramps in several locations, and the construction of a sidewalk and steps to lower State Street will occur this summer. At Stayman Field the wooden bleachers on the visitors side will be reconstructed and additional work to improve the baseball field will be undertaken, including rerouting the service road at the field.

Bulging has occurred in one section of the old stone stands at Stayman Field. An engineering consultant will examine the problem to determine if the section needs to be rebuilt, and if so, when.

Other capital investments will include purchase of a new Digital Equipment Corporation VAX-1000 computer for the Computer Center to replace the existing small mainframe, which is no longer adequate to meet college needs, major investments in scientific

equipment, and major purchases of instruments and supporting equipment for the Music Department.

Capital investment in the forthcoming year will involve expenditures of about \$900,000, an investment rate which has increased each of the last several years, and which will need to be sustained for several more, according to President Gratto, who noted that the funds to make this possible were, for the most part, the result of the larger enrollment, and especially for the larger enrollment of out-of-state students, whose fees and tuition are much higher.

Dr. Gratto also noted that once the Campus Master Plan is completed and approved by the Board, the direction of future capital investment will be more clear. He said that he expected to receive help from the Board of Trustees with respect to construction of an extension for the library within the next several years, or possibly construction of a new library altogether. Other capital projects, however, will depend mainly on the college's ability to pay-as-it-goes, and on non-state funding sources such as major gifts, and possible federal or foundation grants or loans.

## New Scholarships Announced

Three new scholarships and a journalism award have been established in the Potomac State College Foundation during the past year. They are the Walter D. Tetric Memorial, the Odus Kincaid Memorial Scholarship, the Thelma E. Walden Scholarship and the Richard Brennan Rising Memorial Award.

The Keyser Chapter of the American Field Service has established a Walter D. Tetric Memorial Scholarship at Potomac State College in memory of the late Walter D. Tetric. The scholarship will be awarded to a journalism major through the PSC Foundation.

Mrs. Maxine Kincaid, Wallace, WV, wife of the late Odus Kincaid, Class of 1935, established a scholarship in his memory with a gift to the Foundation, with only income from the trust to be used for the award. The scholarship is available to West Virginia students without restrictions as to field of study.

The Thelma E. Walden Scholarship was set up by her son, Ronald "Tim" Walden, Class of 1957. Selection of recipients will be made by a committee from Elkins, WV, including the high school principal, a member of the Elkins Lions Club appointed by its president, who will serve as chair, and a member of the

Elkins Lionesses Club appointed by its president. Recipients must be graduates of Elkins High School, although in the event there are no recipients, at the discretion of the committee, a student from Tygart's Valley High School may be chosen.

Richard Brennan Rising, Midland, Class of 1984, died July 4, 1990. He was a promis-

### Tetric Succumbs

Walter D. Tetric, publisher of the Mineral Daily News Tribune and friend and supporter of all aspects of Potomac State College, died February 5, 1991. A Missouri native, Tetric purchased the local paper in 1959 and expanded it greatly over the years.

He was a charter member of the Potomac State College Foundation board of directors, served many years on the College Visiting Committee, and always promoted Potomac State College in any way he could through the local paper. Mr. Tetric was Keyser's Citizen of the Year in 1973, and was honored as a Distinguished West Virginian by Governor Gaston Caperton in 1989.

ing young journalist employed at the Cumberland TIMES-NEWS at the time of his death. Managing editor of the PASQUINO his sophomore year, Rising went on to graduate with high honors in journalism at West Virginia University in 1986. This memorial will take the form of a plaque in the Journalism Department honoring an outstanding journalism student each year.

### Biddington Tapped

Dr. W. Robert Biddington, Class of 1943, formerly of Piedmont, has been tapped to serve as vice president for health sciences when Dr. John Jones departs for his new position at Virginia Commonwealth University.

The appointment which will begin sometime on or before September 1, will remain in effect until July 1, 1992, when a new permanent vice-president is named through a nationwide search.

Dr. Biddington, a member of the WVU School of Dentistry Faculty since 1959, has served as its dean since 1968. He has been honored by many groups in his profession. Our Alumni Association named him for its Alumni Achievement Award in 1988.

## Gates...

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teen books in this field, Dr. Gates was interviewed by TIME Magazine, April 22.

After leaving Potomac State, he attended Yale University, graduating summa cum laude in 1973. He then went to Clare College of the University of Cambridge, England, from 1973 to 1979, earning a master of arts in English language and literature in 1974 and a Ph.D. in the same field in 1979, the first black American to do so.

He was appointed assistant professor of English and Afro-American Studies at Yale in 1979 and was later promoted to associate professor in 1984. Cornell University recognized his scholarship with an appointment as full professor of English, Comparative Literature, and African Studies in 1985. In 1988 he was named the W.E.B. DuBois Professor of Literature. In 1990 he joined the English faculty at Duke University.

His books, "Figures in Black: Words, Signs, and the Racial Self," and "The

Signifying Monkey: Towards a Theory of Afro-Literary Criticism," resulted in his being given the American Book Award (1989); the Ansfield-Wolf Book Award for Race Relations (1989). He was also honored with the Zora Neale Hurston Society Award for Scholarship in 1986 and the Yale Afro-American Cultural Center Faculty Prize in 1983.

Elected to Phi Beta Kappa in his junior year at Yale, he has received honorary degrees from Dartmouth, West Virginia University, and the University of Rochester. He was a Scholar of the House at Yale in 1972-73; a Mellon Fellow (1973-75); and held a leadership at the Princeton University Council of the Humanities in 1985.

Dr. Gates has been the recipient of numerous prestigious fellowships. Among them are the Woodrow Wilson National Fellow (1988-90); a MacArthur Prize Fellow (1981-86); Whitney Humanities Center (1983-85); the Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship for Minority Scholars (1980-81); and the Ford Foundation National Fellowship (1976-77).

Research grants awarded to him in-

clude the Black Periodical Fiction Project by the National Endowment for the Humanities (1982-84); Black Periodical Fiction Project, the Ford Foundation (1984-86); and the Menil Foundation Grant for the "Image of the Black" Project (1981-83).

His professional associations are numerous and include the Board of Directors of the Lincoln Center Theater; Council for Foreign Relations; the American Antiquarian Society; Union of the Writers of the African Peoples; African Literature Association; Afro-American Academy; American Studies Association; College Language Association (life); Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (life); the Modern Language Association, the Stone Trust, and the Zora Neale Hurston Society.

He serves as an advisory editor to several book publishers including Harper and Row, G.K. Hall, Greenwood Press, Garland Press, the Everyman Library, and many others.

He is the general editor of the NOR-

TION ANTHOLOGY OF AFRO-AMERICAN LITERATURE and a member of the editorial board of over twenty scholarly publications. He is listed in WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA, WHO'S WHO IN THE WORLD, WHO'S WHO IN THE EAST, the DICTIONARY OF LITERARY BIOGRAPHY, BLACK WRITERS, and CONTEMPORARY AUTHORS.

West Virginia University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters at its commencement ceremony in May, 1990. In addition to TIME Magazine, he has been featured in PEOPLE, HARPER'S, the NEW YORK TIMES, and a host of scholarly publications.

Two years ago Dr. Gates and his brother, Dr. Paul Gates, oral surgeon, and their father, Henry Gates, Sr., established the Pauline Coleman Gates Memorial Scholarship at Potomac State College for a minority student. Dr. Gates credits his mother, the late Mrs. Gates, with instilling in him the love of learning and literature.

they needed him.

He is survived by his wife Joanne (Sterbutzel) Malone; one son, J. Patrick Malone, Verona, Va.; three daughters, Barbara Malone, Susanville, Calif.; Sharon Knotts, Ridgeley; and Maureen Schmitt, Morgantown; one brother, David Malone, Fort Ashby; and four grandchildren, Shaun T. Knotts, Joel D. Knotts, Megan R. Malone and Justin A. Schmitt.

## Malone...

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Potomac State College Foundation, Inc., designating the Malone fund on the check.

The selection committee noted that he had worked constantly for the benefit of the College during his years of tenure, being particularly active in the recruiting of outstanding agricultural students and representing the school at a variety of educational fairs. His excellence as a teacher can be seen in the large numbers of students he trained who now hold important positions in agriculture and forestry.

Born in Corriganville, MD, Professor Malone enrolled at Potomac State in February 1946 following his honorable discharge from the United States Marine Corps with which he had served since 1943. He went on to earn a bachelor of science in agriculture education at West Virginia University in 1949, after which he taught at the Institute of Farm Training and again saw Marine Corps service in 1950 and 1951.

He served as vocational agriculture teacher from 1952 to 1960 at Flintstone High School. In August of 1960 he was awarded a master of science degree from West Virginia University in agri-

culture education. He later did additional graduate work at the University of Maryland in 1961 in the field of agronomy.

Ken was adviser to forestry students, assisted in advising agriculture students, and was sponsor of the Agriculture Club.

He served on many, many committees at the College during his tenure. At the time of his retirement he was a member of the Judicial Board, the College-Wide Review Committee, the Admissions and Recruitment Committee, and Financial Aid.

He was a member of the Fort Ashby Lions Club, of which he was past president. He was the president of the Mineral County Crime Solvers organization. A member of the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church, he has also served on the Potomac State College Horticulture Advisory Committee. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Keyser Developmental Center and Workshop and also served on the advisory committee for the Mineral County Vocational Technical Center.

He was also a member of the Governor's Conference on Libraries and the Fort Ashby Post 6667 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He served as a judge annually for both the Cumberland Expo and the

Mineral County Science and Social Science Fairs.

Ken was named outstanding teacher several times during his tenure at the College. He retired in 1985 with twenty-five years of service to Potomac State.

His former students will remember him as a dedicated teacher who always had a cheery "Hello" for them and always took time to talk with them when

## Mrs. Church Recognized

Mrs. Katharine Church, wife of the late President E. E. Church, was one of three women honored in celebration of the anniversary of 100 years of women's education at West Virginia University. The Potomac Valley Chapter of the West Virginia University Alumni Association held a tea last fall to observe the Women's Centenary Celebration.

Mr. S. Church received a music degree from the Chicago School of Music and from West Virginia University. She has taught piano, voice, and music theory in the Fairmont and Keyser public schools and at Potomac State College.

The Keyser Presbyterian Church where she has been organist and choir director since 1939 honored her for 50 years of service in December 1989. This spring many of the new hymns at her church were donated in her honor as well.

**See You At  
Homecoming  
Sept. 21**

### HOECOMING 1991 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

- 9-11:30 a.m. Registration, coffee hour, visiting in the Student Union  
NOON Lunch in our cafeteria (by reservation, call 304-788-3011 ext. 230), Student Union, or at a local restaurant  
Founder's Day, Downtown Keyser  
Festivities Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
6 p.m. Social hour preceding Homecoming Banquet, Potomac Motel (Alumni Achievement Award and Distinguished Service Award highlight the program.)  
9 p.m. All alumni are invited to continue partying at The Candlewyck Inn (65 S. Mineral Street, Keyser)

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 1:30 p.m. Football Game, Catamounts vs. Frostburg State University JV's.

HOECOMING 1991 is set for Saturday, Sept. 21. Your Alumni Association extends a personal invitation to join us in this celebration. You will enjoy reminiscing with your former classmates and teachers about the good times "on the hill."

FOR BANQUET RESERVATIONS, please return the form below by Friday, Sept. 13.

Enclosed please find \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ banquet reservations at \$10 each.

I (We) wish to become a LIFE MEMBER(S) of the Alumni Association (\$150) or \$200 where both husband and wife are alumni.

I am enclosing alumni dues of \$7.50 for 1991-92 (where both husband and wife are alumni, the cost is \$10.00).

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